



# Coordinating Roles in Drugged-Driving Cases

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# **Overview of the Complications in Prosecuting Drugged Driving Cases**

- **No Per Se standards**
- **Multi-substance is the norm not the exception**
- **Less experience with substances other than alcohol**
  - **Officers**
  - **Prosecutors**
  - **Toxicologist/Researchers**
  - **Jurors**

# **What is the arresting Officers Role in a Drugged Driving Case?**

- **Observation**
- **Documenting**
- **Relating**

# **What is the arresting Officers Role in a Drugged Driving Case?**

- What does the DRE need from the arresting officer?**
- What does the Toxicologist need from the arresting officer?**
- What does the Prosecutor need from an arresting officer?**

# **What is the DRE's role in a drugged driving case?**

- **Twelve Step DRE examination**
- **Expert in Explaining Mental and Physical Impairment**
- **Expert in Explaining Demands of Driving**
- **Post Incident Reviews**

# **What is the DRE's role in a drugged driving case?**

- What does the Toxicologist need from the DRE?**
- What does the Prosecutor need from the DRE?**

# **What is the Forensic Toxicologists role in a drugged driving case?**

- **Scientific Method and Scientific Certainty**
- **Limits on Toxicology**
- **What does a prosecutor need from a Forensic Toxicologist?**

# **What is the Prosecutors role in a drugged driving case?**

- **To See Justice is Done**
- **Ring Master**
- **Prosecutor's Role on Direct Examination**

# **What do each of the others wish they got from prosecutors?**

- **Officers**
- **DREs**
- **Toxicologist**

# **What are the biggest challenge to each role in drugged driving cases.**

- **Officers**
- **DREs**
- **Toxicologist**
- **Prosecutors**